

In the claims:

1. **(currently amended):** An opaque coating having a thickness of from 5 to 25  $\mu\text{m}$ , comprising a high-molecular-weight organic material, from 5 to 15 % by weight of 3,6-di(4'-biphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole-1,4-dione, based on the total non-volatile content, at least one further coloured pigment and optionally additionally white pigments, black pigments or effect pigments, wherein, based on the total amount of coloured pigments,

(a) from 30 to 90 % by weight of 3,6-di(4'-biphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole-1,4-dione pigment having a specific surface area of from 20 to 50  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$  and

(b) from 10 to 70 % by weight of a further organic coloured pigment having a specific surface area of from 10 to 40  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ , selected from the group consisting of quinacridones, diketo-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrroles, ~~dioxazines, indanthrones, perylenes, phthalocyanines~~ and 3-amino-1H-isoindol-1-one-oximato-metal complex pigments, and solid solutions and mixtures thereof, are present.

2. **(cancelled)**

3. **(previously presented)** A coating according to claim 1, wherein component (b) is Pigment Red 122, Pigment Red 123, Pigment Red 149, Pigment Red 178, Pigment Red 179, Pigment Red 190, Pigment Red 202, Pigment Red 224, Pigment Red 254, Pigment Red 255, Pigment Red 257, Pigment Red 270, Pigment Red 272, Pigment Violet 19 or Pigment Violet 29.

4. **(previously presented)** A plate, sheet, profiled element or moulding having a thickness of from 0.1 to 100 mm consisting of metal or plastics material on which there is a coating according to claim 1.

5. **(original):** A plate, sheet, profiled element or moulding according to claim 4, on which the coating according to claim 1 is on a white, black or grey primer.

6. **(previously presented)** A plate, sheet, profiled element or moulding according to claim 4, provided with a clear varnish.

7. **(currently amended)** A method of coating a material with a coating, which method comprises the step of applying to the material a surface-coating composition comprising from 5 to 15 % by weight of 3,6-di(4'-biphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole-1,4-dione, based on the total non-volatile content, wherein, based on the total amount of coloured pigments,

(a) from 30 to 90 % by weight of 3,6-di(4'-biphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole-1,4-dione pigment having a specific surface area of from 20 to 50 m<sup>2</sup>/g and

(b) from 10 to 70 % by weight of a further organic coloured pigment having a specific surface area of from 10 to 40 m<sup>2</sup>/g, selected from the group consisting of quinacridones, diketo-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrroles, ~~dioxazines, indanthrones, perylenes, phthalocyanines~~ and 3-amino-1H-isoindol-1-one-oximato-metal complex pigments, and solid solutions and mixtures thereof, are present.

8. **(previously presented)** A surface-coating composition comprising from 5 to 15 % by weight of 3,6-di(4'-biphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole-1,4-dione, based on the total non-volatile content, wherein, based on the total amount of coloured pigments,

(a) from 30 to 90 % by weight of 3,6-di(4'-biphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole-1,4-dione pigment having a specific surface area of from 20 to 50 m<sup>2</sup>/g and

(b) from 10 to 70 % by weight of a further organic coloured pigment having a specific surface area of from 10 to 40 m<sup>2</sup>/g, selected from the group consisting of quinacridones, diketo-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrroles, perylenes and 3-amino-1H-isoindol-1-one-oximato-metal complex pigments, and solid solutions and mixtures thereof, are present.

9. **(previously presented)** A method according to claim 7, wherein the surface-coating composition is applied to the material by immersion, doctor-coating, painting or spraying.

10-11. **(cancelled)**

12. **(previously presented)** A plate, sheet, profiled element or moulding having a thickness of from 0.1 to 100 mm consisting of metal or plastics material on which there is a coating according to claim 3.
13. **(previously presented)** A plate, sheet, profiled element or moulding according to claim 5, provided with a clear varnish.
14. **(currently amended)** A method according to claim 7, wherein the amount of 3,6-di(4'-biphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole-1,4-dione having a specific surface area of from 20 to 50 m<sup>2</sup>/g is from 40 to 80% by weight of the total amount of coloured pigments.
15. **(currently amended)** A composition according to claim 8, wherein the amount of 3,6-di(4'-biphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole-1,4-dione having a specific surface area of from 20 to 50 m<sup>2</sup>/g is from 40 to 80% by weight of the total amount of coloured pigments.
16. **(previously presented)** A method according to claim 7, wherein a quinacridone or diketo-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole pigment each having a specific surface area of from 10 to 25 m<sup>2</sup>/g or a perylene pigment having a specific surface area of from 20 to 40 m<sup>2</sup>/g is used as component (b) of the surface-coating composition.
17. **(previously presented)** A composition according to claim 8, wherein a quinacridone or diketo-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole pigment each having a specific surface area of from 10 to 25 m<sup>2</sup>/g or a perylene pigment having a specific surface area of from 20 to 40 m<sup>2</sup>/g is present as component (b).
18. **(new)** An opaque coating according to claim 1 wherein (a) and (b) are present in adjacent layers.
19. **(new)** An opaque coating according to claim 3 wherein (a) and (b) are present in adjacent layers.
20. **(new)** A method according to claim 7, wherein (a) and (b) are applied individually so that they are present in adjacent layers.
21. **(new)** An opaque coating according to claim 1, wherein, component (a) is from 40 to 80 % by weight of 3,6-di(4'-biphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole-1,4-dione pigment having a specific surface area of from 20 to 50 m<sup>2</sup>/g based on the total amount of coloured pigments.

22. **(new)** An opaque coating according to claim 1, wherein, component (b) is a quinacridone or diketo-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole pigment, each of which has a specific surface area of from 10 to 25 m<sup>2</sup>/g or a perylene pigment having a specific surface area of from 20 to 40 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

23. **(new)** An opaque coating according to claim 21, wherein (a) and (b) are present in adjacent layers.